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## SIXTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024

(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

### **ZOOLOGY**

### GZOL6B13T: ETHOLOGY, EVOLUTION AND ZOOGEOGRAPHY

Time: 2 Hours Maximum Marks: 60

# SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks. (Ceiling 20 Marks)

- 1. What is meant by Geological time scale?
- 2. Comment on the specific fauna of Oriental Realm.
- 3. Mention the contributions of Sir Alfred Russel Wallace.
- 4. Distinguish between hibernation and aestivation. Cite examples.
- 5. What is meant by Phyletic speciation?
- 6. Comment on dating of fossils.
- 7. What are vestigial organs? Give two examples.
- 8. List four factors that upset Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.
- 9. Write notes on Circadian rhythm.
- 10. Comment on the features of Parapithecus.
- 11. What is the significance of Recapitulation theory?
- 12. Citing examples differentiate discontinuous distribution from isolated distribution.

# SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks. (Ceiling 30 Marks)

- 13. Review the morphological evidences of organic evolution.
- 14. Illustrate any three patterns and mechanisms in animal behaviour.
- 15. Categorize the biogeography of India into different zones based on physical features and fauna.
- 16. Write an account on the concept of Genetic drift.
- 17. Briefly discuss the classification and significance of pheromones.
- 18. Evaluate the role of limbic system of mammals in controlling behaviour.
- 19. Briefly discuss Urey-Miller experiment and comment on its significance.

#### SECTION C: Answer any one question. Each carries ten marks.

- 20. Explain the major postulates in the theory of evolution proposed by Darwin.
- 21. Discuss the phenomenon of Isolation and Isolating mechanisms.

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